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For: PRINTER AND CONTROL PROGRAM PRODUCT THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 4, 10 and 18 as follows:

4. The printer according to claim 1, wherein, the estimated completion time of print preparation is calculated based on an elapsed interpretation time which is obtained by deducting the time when the interpretation of the first page was started from the time when the interpretation of the first page was finished.

10. The printer control program according to claim 7, wherein, the estimated completion time of print preparation is calculated based on an elapsed interpretation time which is obtained by deducting the time when the interpretation of the

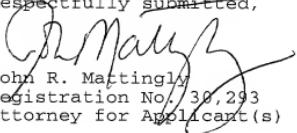
first page was started from the time when the interpretation of the first page was finished.

18. The printer according to claim 15, wherein the estimated completion time of print preparation is calculated based on a mean time of the elapsed interpretation time, from its beginning to the end, of each page up to page m.

REMARKS

Examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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MARKED UP VERSION OF REWRITTEN CLAIMS

4. The printer according to [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein, the estimated completion time of print preparation is calculated based on an elapsed interpretation time which is obtained by deducting the time when the interpretation of the first page was started from the time when the interpretation of the first page was finished.

10. The printer control program according to [any one of claims 7 to 9] claim 7, wherein, the estimated completion time of print preparation is calculated based on an elapsed interpretation time which is obtained by deducting the time when the interpretation of the first page was started from the time when the interpretation of the first page was finished.

18. The printer according to [any one of Claims 15 to 17] claim 15, wherein the estimated completion time of print preparation is calculated based on a mean time of the elapsed interpretation time, from its beginning to the end, of each page up to page m.